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Pennsylvania Egg Production Down 4 Percent in August

HARRISBURG --- Pennsylvania egg production totaled 550 million during August, down 4 percent from the August 2001 production, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service. There were an average of 23.7 million layers in the Commonwealth during the month, down 4 percent from August 2001. Average production per 100 layers was 2,319 eggs during August, slightly below August 2001.

Egg-type chicks hatched in **Pennsylvania** during August totaled 4.7 million, down 13 percent compared with the same month last year. Total egg-type chicks hatched from January to August 2002, at 35.5 million, was down 20 percent from 2001. Broiler-type chicks hatched totaled 13.2 million during August, down 2 percent from the previous year. Cumulative broiler-type hatch for the first eight months of 2002, at 104.5 million, was 1 percent above the 2001 figure.

Egg production in the **United States** totaled 7.35 billion during August 2002, up 2 percent from the previous year. Production included 6.26 billion for table eggs, 1.03 billion for broiler-type hatching eggs, and 61.0 million for egg-type hatching eggs. The total number of layers during August averaged 336 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,189 eggs, 1 percent above the 2,170 in August 2001.

Egg-type chicks hatched in the **United States** totaled 35.9 million during August, up 3 percent from August 2001. Broiler-type chicks hatched during August were 780 million, up 1 percent from the previous year. There were 24.7 million turkey poults placed during August 2002 in the United States, down 1 percent from the same month one year ago. The turkey eggs in incubators on September 1, 2002, totaled 29.5 million, 2 percent below a year earlier.